

1987

S-146
House
Lower Fairmount
Private

c. 1870

This modest two-story, two-bay dwelling stands on the south side of MD 361 in the dispersed community of houses known as Lower Fairmount. Plain corner pilasters and widely-spaced eave brackets trim the square house. A smaller kitchen wing extends from the south end. The history of this modest frame house has not been established, but the structure is typical for the area's water-based economy.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common House - Lower Fairmount

2. Location

street & number Dirt lane south of Maryland 361 (Fairmount-Rumbley Road) ___ not for publication

 city, town Lower Fairmount ☒ vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The c. 1870 two-story two-bay by one room frame house stands by itself on the south side of MD 361 between the main cluster of houses in Lower Fairmount and the southern group.

The weatherboard frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a medium pitched asphalt tile roof. The eaves are extended and detailed with brackets. A shorter story-and-a-half frame kitchen extends to the south.

The main house is lighted by two over two sash with louvered shutters. A heavily molded four-panel door occupies the southern bay of the two-bay main elevation. The north gable end has two 2/2 sash windows that flank an interior end brick stack with corbelled cap.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This modest two-story, two-bay third quarter of the 19th-century dwelling stands in the low-lying, poorly-drained land of Lower Fairmount along Maryland 361 between Upper Fairmount and Rumbley.

Plain corner pilasters and widely-spaced eave brackets trim the square house. A smaller kitchen wing extends from the south end.

The history of this modest frame house has not been established, but the structure typical for the area's 19th-century water-based economy. Its inland location in the low-lying, poorly-drained portion of the peninsula is linked to the building's date since the better land had long been improved by 18th and early 19th-century houses.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name MarionQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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Fairmount Neck

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Cem

Upper Hill

St Andrews Ch

St Stephens Ch

Upper Fairmount

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Christ Ch

Cem

Fairmount Cem

Landonville

S-148

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Holland Point

Hall

Noble Creek

Myrtle Point

MARION, MD
QUADRANGLE

1972

FAIRMOUNT NECK

HOLLAND NECK

Persimmon Pt

S 146 HOUSE

LIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



House

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~~North~~ East Elevation

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East Elevation

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